

The **mission of the Indiana Master Naturalist** program is to bring together natural resource specialists with adult learners to foster an understanding of Indiana's plants, water, soils and wildlife and promote volunteer service in local communities.

Participants gain new knowledge of Indiana's plants, wildlife, geology, and geography, meet other Hoosiers with similar interests, and make connections with local natural resource people and places.

You are welcome to participate in this course solely to expand your own knowledge and appreciation of Indiana's natural resources.

However, we encourage you to take it one step further and **become officially certified as an Indiana Master Naturalist**. To achieve this certification, you must:

- Attend and participate in at least 8 of the 10 classes.
- Complete an open book quiz at the end of the course and achieve a minimum score of 80%.
- Complete a minimum of 25 hours volunteer work with a local/state natural resources agency, or conservation-oriented non-profit organization, within one year of course completion.

Individuals who achieve the certification receive a Certificate of Completion, Indiana Master Naturalist Pin, and a one-year subscription to the Indiana Master Naturalist Newsletter.

The Indiana Master Naturalist program is sponsored by the Resource Conservation & Development Councils, Indiana Soil & Water Conservation Districts, Purdue Cooperative Extension Service and Indiana Department of Natural Resources.



**September 10 thru November 12**  
**Karst Farm Park in Bloomington**

***Presented and Sponsored by***  
Monroe County Parks  
Monroe Lake Interpretive Services  
Indiana Department of Natural Resources

## Registration Information

- **Registration deadline is September 8 at 4 p.m.**
- Cost is \$50 / individual OR \$75 / couple (same household); full payment is due at time of registration.
- Space is limited to 20 people.
- To register, you can call the Monroe County Parks office at 812-349-2800 or stop by the office at 501 N. Morton (Suite 100) in Bloomington. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## Class Schedule

*Portions of each session may be conducted outside, weather permitting. Please bring appropriate outerwear.*

### **Thursday, September 10 (6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)**

**Intro to Indiana Master Naturalist and Course Overview**

**Wildflower Identification**

*Jill Vance, Interpretive Naturalist for Monroe Lake*

### **Thursday, September 17 (6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)**

**Indiana Insects**

*Sandy Belth, Naturalist for Monroe County Parks*

### **Thursday, September 24 (6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)**

**Fungi Biology and ID**

*Ron Kerner, Indiana Mushrooms*

### **Thursday, October 1 (6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)**

**Aquatic Ecology**

*Scott Klein, Interpretive Naturalist for Monroe Lake*

### **Thursday, October 8 (6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)**

**Indiana Birds**

*Cathy Meyer, Naturalist for Monroe County Parks*

### **Thursday, October 15 (6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)**

**Tree Identification**

*Ralph Unversaw, IDNR District Forester*

### **Thursday, October 22 (6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)**

**Astronomy**

*Alec Hirschauer, Ph.D. Candidate in the Indiana University Astronomy Department*

### **Thursday, October 29 (6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)**

**Fish Biology and Management**

*Dave Kittaka, Fisheries Biologist for the Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife*

### **Thursday, November 5 (6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)**

**Monroe Lake Geology**

*Jill Vance, Interpretive Naturalist for Monroe Lake*

**Indiana Fossils**

*Speaker TBD*

### **Thursday, November 12 (6 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)**

**Eco-Regions and Forest Management**

*Dan Shaver, Director of the Brown County Native Woodlands Project*

**Non-native Invaders**

*Ellen Jacquart, Director of Stewardship for the Indiana Chapter of The Nature Conservancy*

**IMN Wrap-Up and Test Distribution** (Course tests are “take-home” – you will have several weeks to complete and turn in your test to the Monroe County Parks office.)